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Afghanistan, Bahrain, Gabon, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Ukraine: revised draft resolution

International Year of Water Cooperation, 2013

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 47/193 of 22 December 1992 on the observance of World Day for Water, 55/196 of 20 December 2000, by which it proclaimed 2003 the International Year of Freshwater, 58/217 of 23 December 2003, by which it proclaimed the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, to commence on World Water Day, 22 March 2005, 59/228 of 22 December 2004, 61/192 of 20 December 2006, by which it proclaimed 2008 as the International Year of Sanitation, and 64/198 of 21 December 2009 on the midterm review of the implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, and General Assembly resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years,

Recalling further the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[1] and all its principles, Agenda 21[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[4] and the

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] Resolution S-19/2, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

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Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] and the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals[6] and commitments made therein,

Emphasizing that water is critical for sustainable development, including environmental integrity and the eradication of poverty and hunger, and is indispensable for human health and well-being, and central to achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

Reaffirming the internationally agreed development goals on water and sanitation, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[7] and determined to achieve the goal to halve, by 2015, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford safe drinking water, and the goals set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation to halve the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation as well as to develop integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries,

Recalling its resolution 64/292 of 28 July 2010 on the human right to water and sanitation,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolution 15/9 of 30 September 2010,[8]

Welcoming the outcome and work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its twelfth, thirteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth sessions on the issues of water and sanitation,

Taking note of the interactive dialogue of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Decade, convened on 22 March 2010, World Water Day,

Taking note of the work of the High-level International Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, held in Dushanbe, on 8 and 9 June 2010,[9]

Taking note also of the holding of the Fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey, from 16 to 22 March 2009, and noting that the Sixth World Water Forum will be held in Marseille, France, in March 2012,

Remaining concerned by the slow and uneven progress in achieving the goals to halve the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation, while global climate change and other challenges seriously affect water quantity and quality, and in this regard recognizing the crucial role the International Year of Water Cooperation could play, inter alia, in strengthening dialogue and cooperation, at all levels, as appropriate, and its important contribution to the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015,

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[5] Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

[6] See resolution 65/1.

[7] See resolution 55/2.

[8] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 53 A* (A/65/53/Add.1), chap. II.

[9] See A/65/88, annex.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[10]

2. *Decides* to declare 2013 the International Year of Water Cooperation;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with UN-Water, and mindful of the provisions of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67, to take appropriate steps to organize the activities of the Year and to develop necessary proposals on activities at all levels to support Member States in the implementation of the Year;

4. *Encourages* all Member States, the United Nations system and all other actors to take advantage of the Year to promote actions at all levels, including through international cooperation, as appropriate, aimed at the achievement of the internationally agreed water-related goals contained in Agenda 21,[2] the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,[3] the United Nations Millennium Declaration[7] and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation,[5] as well as to increase awareness of their importance;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

[10] A/65/297.